RECEIVED 2004 OCT 19 A 9 00 OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL CORPORATE FINANCE



Registered Office Virginia House 37 J. L. Nehru Road, Kolkata 700 071 India Telephone: 91 33 22889371

Fax: 91 33 22882259/2260/1256

14th October, 2004



The Secretary

The Dy. General Manager Corporate Relationship Dept. The Stock Exchange, Mumbai 1st floor, New Trading Ring, Rotunda Building, P. J. Towers

Dalal Street, Fort Mumbai 400 001 The Secretary
The Calcutta Stock
Exchange Association Ltd.
7, Lyons Range
Kolkata 700 001

National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. Exchange Plaza, 5th floor Plot No. C/1, G Block Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East) Mumbai 400 051

Dear Sirs,

Allotment of Shares under the ITC Employee Stock Option Scheme

In terms of the Listing Agreement, we write to advise that the Company on 14th October, 2004 has issued and allotted 70,604 Ordinary Shares of Rs.10/- each, upon exercise of 70,604 Options by Optionees under the ITC Employee Stock Option Scheme.

Consequently, with effect from 14th October, 2004, the Issued and Subscribed Share Capital of the Company stands increased to Rs.247,99,55,060/- divided into 24,79,95,506 Ordinary Shares of Rs. 10/- each.

Yours faithfully,

(R. K. Singhi)
Deputy Secretary

PROCECED

OCT 2 1 2004

THOWARD 14
FINANCIAL

DW10/20



Securities Exchange Commission Division of Corporate Finance cc:

Office of International Corporate Finance

Mail Stop 3-9 450 Fifth Street

Washington DC 20549

U.S.A.

Societe de la Bourse de Luxembourg cc:

11 Avenue de la Porte - Neuve

L-2227 Luxembourg.